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NEW FRENCH NOTE WARNS BRITAIN OF DANGER IN SILESIA

Communication Points Out Persistent Reinforcing of German Corps.

ASKS LONDON TO SUPPORT STEPS TAKEN BY ENVOY

30.000 Armed Teutons Declared to Have Entered Disputed Territory of Silesia.

By the Associated Press. LONDON, May 21 .- The French embassy today presented a note to the British foreign office, pointing out the seriousness of the Upper Silesian situation, in view of the persistent attitude of the German corps, which, it is declared, is being constantly reinforced; the bolshevik tendencies of the workers and the difficulty of intervening between the Poles and the

The note says it therefore is neces sary to make joint representations to Germany to urge her "to put into execution the measures she had announced," and invites Baron D'Abernon, British ambassador to Germany, to support the steps taken by the ambassador to Germany.

Charles Laurent. M. Laurent recently requested Chancellor Wirth to take steps to prevent the dispatch of war material or the organization and transport of volunteers into Upper Silesia.

It is stated in French quarters here that 30,000 armed Germans have en- National Guard and Civilian Police tered the disputed Silesian territory. Germany Sends Note.

BERLIN, May 21.-Germany has sent a note to the supreme council calling attention to the curtailment of coal production, due to the Upper Silesian situation, and pointing out the probability of failure to deliver France's regular quotas. The note asserts that the coal supply for home consumption is becoming diminished, and suggests that a serious situation is likely to arise unless the Silesian

ESCAPE FALLING WALLS.

in Chicago Building Collapse. CHICAGO, May 21 .- A score of persons, including several children, nar- escaped injury. rowly escaped death today when a vacant four-story building collapsed in the heart of the West Side tenement border were reported quiet by Capt. district. Search by the police revealed that none of the children reported to have been playing in the building at the time was killed.

The building was damaged by the explesion of a fireworks factory several weeks ago.

LOSES \$132,000 SUIT.

J. L. Crane, Husband of Alice Brady, Sued for Rent.

SPRINGFIELD. Mo., May 21 .-James L. Crane, New York actor, husband of Alice Brady, motion picture actress, today lost a suit in circuit court here to recover \$132,000 rental from proerty inherited from his former wife, Mrs. Blanche Stittler-Crane.

by a fall from a window of a New York hotel in December, 1916. The suit grew out of a dispute betwene Crane and the heirs of Mrs.

Elizabeth Stittler, mother of his former wife, concerning the income from a ninety-nine-year lease on property

MRS. LANE GETS BEQUEST

Widow of Former Secretary and

Daughter Heirs to \$5,000 Each. SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 .- Mrs. Franklin K. Lane, widow of the former Secretary of the Interior, and by Gen. Reed as an observer, was gion in Turkestan in the event of a her daughter, Mrs. Nancy Lane Kauff- preparing to leave for Indianapolis, crash, mann, are left \$5,000 each in the will his headquarters. The major said that of Mrs. Augusta Bixlor, long a friend with the county under martial law. of the Lane family, which was filed citizens armed to suppress any dis- end, where Sokolnikoff is stationed today for probate. The will disposes order and Maj. Davis in charge of the with five cavalry and eight infanttry of property valued at more than one

GUILTY ON BRIBE CHARGE. Former Deputy Marshal Declared

to Have Been Influenced. SAVANNAH, Ga., May 21.-A. M Kea, former deputy United States marshal, charged with accepting money from H. P. Howard and W. W. Clanton, prohibition law violators. with the intent to have his official duties influenced, was found guilty in the United States court here to-

KILLED BY POLICEMEN.

night.

LIMA, Ohio, May 21 .- An unidentified colored man about thirty-five years of age was shot and killed here today in a revolver battle with policemen when the latter attempted to stop a touring car in which he and another man, who gave his name as Joe Willis, were riding. Willis was captured.

In the car, according to police, were revolvers, sawed-off shotguns and a quantity of ammunition.

YORK, S. C., May 21 .- Mrs. Rebecca Massey Bratton, widow of Dr. James Rufus Bratton, a leader of the

KLAN LEADER'S WIDOW DIES. Ku Klux Klan in reconstruction days died here today at the home of her son, Dr. Andrea Bratton, at the age of

Punishment of Youth Objected to by Woman,

So She Becomes Mayor ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 21,-The mayor of St. James, Mo., in a pale gray satin gown, with hat. hose and pumps to match, pink cheeks and dark eyes, told the St. Louis League of Women Voters today how she came to be elected.

Mrs. James Ousley, the first woman mayor in Missouri, said that officers were bent on taking the small and mischievous son of her domestic employe to reform school. To avoid a catastrophe in domestic routine, Mrs. Ousley caught a train that intercepted the officers with the small prisoner.

"What is this?" she said she exclaimed to the officer. "You take little boys to the reformatory without even a trial in court. Why, you wouldn't treat the worst criminal like that." From that day she said she resolved "to get on the inside and see how these things were

"It was a joke," she added, "until about 7 o'clock election

done," so, she announced for

Mingo District Well Under Control Except for One Shooting Fracas.

ENFORCE MARTIAL LAW

Have Situation Well in Hand Along Tug River.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 21 .-Kentucky national guardsmen were scouring the mountains on the Kentucky side of Tug river tonight in an effort to capture those responsible for the shooting into the village of Merrimac, W. Va., late today.

ing received by the authorities here, at Merrimac, were the targets for the within the bolshevist party. bullets from the Kentucky hills. They

Other points in the trouble zone along the West Virginia-Kentucky J. R. Brockus of the state police and Sheriff A. C. Pinson of Mingo county. Maj. Tom B. Davis, acting adjutant

general of West Virginia, who is in charge of the situation in the Mingo region, held a conference today with C. F. Keeney, president of district No. 17, United Mine Workers of America. Mr. Keeney said that he discussed with the major the proclamation of martial law for Mingo, issued by Gov. Morgan yesterday. Maj. Davis informed the union leader that provisions of the proclamation were perfectly plain to him and that he would enforce it to

the letter. Union Leader Leaves

Tonight Mr. Keeney left for Matewan, W. Va., the mining village which has been the scene of many shootings. The former Mrs. Crane was killed The union official said he would make a brief stop at Matewan, proceeding to his headquarters at Charleston from that town.

Another "law and order" meeting was held tonight by representative business men of the county. Several volunteers were sworn in as state policemen, bringing the total number of deputized citizens here to 200. Quite a number have been deputized in towns and villages along the Tug.

Citisens Armed.

Williamson has taken on the appearance of an armed camp. The "citizen police" have been armed with rifles. Maj. Thompson, U. S. A., sent here

presence was not needed. that the Tug River section was quiet. sent to Kabulla, where Stallin, the He said he was well pleased with the commissar for eastern affairs, is attitude of the citizens who have guarding the retreat toward India, and joined the state forces to act in any a special wireless station has been

DOCUMENTS SHOW SOVIET IS FAILING

Lenin Government Declared in Period of Agony Preceding Death.

PARTY ABOUT BANKRUPT

Unity Destroyed as Result of Struggle Between Factions Bringing on Chaos.

By cable to The Star and New York Tribune

Copyright, 1921. BERLIN, May 21.-Documents relating to soviet Russia obtained by your co-respondent cast valuable light on the condition of the bolshevist party and those currents and cross currents of opinion prevailing in the soviet government.

The documents cover a period up to the end of April and demonstrate that despite the latest diplomatic victories of the bolsheviks in England and Germany, the soviet government has entered into a period of agony preceding death. Party leaders are running around in circles in a desperate effort to find a way out of the existing situation. The one-time party unity has been destroyed as a result of the struggle between three distinct factions within that party, which is now

in chaos.
According to Trotsky, "our best workers, especially those connected with economic affairs, realize clearly that the present situation is unbear-

Divided Into Three Groups.

Consciousness of the party's bank-

ruptcy is permeating every stratum of the membership, particularly the rank and file. The party is divided into three main groups, to wit, the right opportunist, center and extreme left. There are also several in-between factions. The right wing is divided into three groups, namely: The workers' opposition, led by Schalipnikoff; the democratic center, led by led by Bucharin, including Larin, Preobrajensky and Sokolinikoff. These groups assert that the soviet machine as constituted is unable to night. deal with the situation, and demand The investigation by the Senate the syndicalization of the state, the will be made notwithstanding the re-

Bitterly Oppose Tendency.

These groups represent the consensus of the opinion of the rank and file. Foth Lenin and Trotsky oppose bitterly this tendency, believing that its vestigation will be made when the triumph would result in the crash of Senate committee on privileges and terrorize Fiume with clandestine the bolshevist regime. This, however, elections meets Tuesday. does not mean that Lenin and Trotsky

Trotsky demands the complete militarization of industry and the abolition of the last prestige of the workthe state and the unqualified dictatorrecent concessions to so-called nondiscipline with regard to the work-

Preparation for Get-Away.

The situation of the rank and file in the party is marked by the most serious disorganization, and 2,000 mem hers left the Petrograd organization one month, and what is perhaps most sensational are the preparations actually made recently by bolshevist chieftains to clear the roads for a safe get-away.

Anxious to preserve the so-called cream of the bolshevist leaders, a plan was actually prepared to retreat to Reval and Kovno. Large funds were forwarded to bolshevist agents in Switzerland with orders to exchange the same for South American money. The families of some bolshevist leaders were actually sent to Reval. The smaller fry, however, were told to beat it to the Volga re-

Feverish military preparations are under way in Turkestan to this situation, it was evident that his divisions. Simultaneously, they are seeking to keep a road of retreat to Maj. Davis late tonight reportted India open. A cavalry division was erected at Kabulla

"He Felt His Heart Stop Beating and a Cold Shiver Shook His Frame-"

But this is only a dramatic point in the second chapter of

E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM'S STORY.

"The Avenger" Beginning in

The Evening Star **Next Tuesday**

yarns, ever written a more interesting story than this one. He has exercised all the powers of his fertile imagination and with exceeding skill has unraveled one of the most intricate problems ever faced.

Read the Opening Chapters Tuesday.



NEWBERRY TO FACE INQUIRY BY SENATE

Investigation of His Right to Seat Is Predicted by Republican Leaders.

The right of Senator Newberry of Ossiansky and Soffronoff, and a group Michigan to his seat in the Senate will be determined by the Senate itself, republican leaders predicted las

transfer to the state of the economic cent decision of the Supreme Court apparatus in the hands of the trades in the Newberry case, holding the unions and the reintroduction of the corrupt practices act unconstitutional. This is contrary to the general im-Children Among Score Imperiled ing Company, working at the plant class and freedom of speech and press pression which gained ground here Court. The decision to have the Senate proceed with the Ford-New berry case has been reached informally, it was said, but a definite an nouncement regarding the coming in-

Will Take Testimony.

In spite of strong opposition within the republican Senate membership influential leaders were said last ers, self-government, and the complete night to take the view that, from subjugation of the trades unions to many aspects, it was desirable to proceed with the separate investigation ship of the bolshevist party, excluding by the committee and have the Senate partisans and "the application of all Newberry. It is now planned to remethods of compulsion and merciless appoint the subcommittee, headed by Senator Spencer, republican, Missouri, which has had charge of past | bed to death, with fingers cut off so proceedings, to go ahead with taking that their rings might be taken. One of testimony and render a verdict for man's body was thrown over a cliff. ultimate consideration of the full committee and the Senate, probably

in the form of a resolution. Several considerations were said to be involved in the matter, least of which, republican leaders asserted last night, was insistence of promi nent democratic leaders and of Mr Ford himself on a thorough investigation and final determination by the

The chief reason given for pro cedure by the Senate was said to be the difference between the charges passed upon by the Supreme Court and those, much broader, before the Senate. The Supreme Court case, it was said, dealt only with the federal corrupt practices act, declared unconstitutional, and, also, only with the Newberry and Mr. Ford. On the other hand, the Senate charges cover expenditures and activities of not only the primary but the general election Croix Lumber Company have been campaign.

Claim of "Clean Bill."

Another reason advanced for continuing with the Senate case was th dispute over the issue settled by the Supreme Court decision. Senato Newberry's friends have contende that the senator was given "a clean bill" by the highest court of the land | necklace, with platinum clasp, valued and that, therefore, the Senate case should be dropped. Democrats generally, including Mr. Ford himself, the Aquitania docked last night, and several republicans, including Senator Spencer, have expressed the view that only a part of the charges were before the court, and that, therefore, the Senate should proceed with the remainder. It also has been contended that the Senate, after all, is the final judge of its own membership and of their qualifications. Several prominent republican lead-

ers, who were inclined, upon first reading of the court decree, to believe that further Senate action was unnecessary, are said to have come to the view that, for many reasons, the Senate should go ahead independ-The contention also is made b

those in control of the matter that it would be better for the Senate and for Senator Newberry as well to have future was said to be a consideration 6,000 immigrants held on liners in also, although comparatively a minor the harbor. Officials expected to

Temperature of 93 in Boston Kills One and Prostrates Five

THE MODERN SINBAD.

BOSTON, May 21 .- One man died and five persons were prostrated by the heat in Boston today, the hottest May 21 in the history of the weather bureau here. The official thermometer hung at ninety-three degrees from 2 until 4 o'clock this after-

CHICAGO, May 21.-Many heat prostrations were reported as the mercury climbed to 90 today, the highest mark ever recorded in Chicago May 21.

FIUME BRIGANDS SLAY IN REVENGE FOR VOTE

following the decision of the Supreme City in Terror From Secret Murders Following Autonomist Victory.

> ROME, May 21.—Bands of brigands assassinations, vowing vengeance against the city for the autonomists' victory in the April elections, says I Paese, the organ of former Premier Nitti, which declares the brigands are mostly former d'Annunzio legionaries. Five prominent autonomists have already been murdered, the brigands operating at night, sometimes, according to the newspaper, in collusion with the carbineers. The bodies of citizens have been found in the streets, while others have been waylaid on the hillsides and found stab-Many families have left the city be cause of the terrorism. Prof. Riccardo Zanella, leader of the victorious autonomists, still is being kept out of Fiume. He lives in Buccari, on the Jugoslav side of the bay, where he

FOREST FIRE IN PARK.

has formed his government and is

ready to enter Fiume at the oppor-

Big Minnesota Blaze Sweeps Into National Reserve.

DULUTH, Minn., May 21.-Headernoon that the fire which had been raging in the Wales branch of the primary campaign between Senator state forest reserve had crossed the boundary and was sweeping into the national reserve.

Camps Nos. 8 and 10 of the St.

\$40,000 GEMS PICKED UP

Found by Officer on Pier. NEW YORK, May 21 .- A pearl

at \$40,000, was picked up today by a customs guard at the pier where The necklace did not appear in the ship's manifest, and the theory was advanced that it had been lost or thrown away by some one attempt ing to smuggle it into the country.

MACHADO CABINET QUITS

LISBON. May 21.-The Portugues cabinet, of which Bernardino Machado was head, resigned today. No disturbances have occurred. Political conferences were held throughout the day in an endeavor to bring about satisfactory ministerial rearrange

TYPHUS SCARE OVER.

NEW YORK, May 21 .-- The quaran tine placed on Ellis Island Thursday a Senate verdict rendered after re- after a death from typhus had oc ceipt of all testimony. The effect curred there, was lifted today and of a Senate decision politically in the examination completed of 2,90 of the handle the rest tomorrow.

BOOTLEGGERS MAY ESCAPE CONVICTION

Kramer Expects Lawlessness During Furlough of 700 Dry Agents.

Thousands of bootleggers may escape punishment for violation of the liquor laws as a result of the furlough of 700 federal prohibition agents until July 1, Commissioner Kramer declared last night. In any event, he added, many of the cases will have to be continued over the forty days, which will add to the congestion of already crowded court

Most of the government's important the courts, Mr. Kramer explained, are against the defendants. Most of these men, he said, would return to their homes, making it necessary either to subpoena them and pay their way to the places of trial or continue the cases.

At present, Mr. Kramer said, it is too soon to gauge the effect on the illegal liquor traffic which may result from the loss of 700 agents for forty days because of the lack of funds to pay their salaries. However, he asserted, tax on the railway companies to bring the cut would hurt the prohibition en- about a merger. forcement unit in every way and set back, if not undo, the work done in or-

ganizing the force. "Millions have been lost," he said, "in an attempt to save a few hundred thou-

sand dollars." Mr. Kramer said he could not prophess whether there would be greater boot- charter to one consolidated company legging activity over the country during | with provision for the service-at-cost the forty-day lay-off of most of the government agents, but he indicated that he expected some increase of lawlessness. As far as real whisky is concerned,

Mr. Kramer said, the supply in the country could be controlled at the sources by restrictions on withdrawals from warehouses, and that any trouble to be in favor of a Public Utilities Commisexpected would come from smuggled sion separate from the board of Disliquors and the use of alcohol diverted trict Commissioners. to illegal purposes.

DELAY LEAGUE SESSION.

GENEVA, May 21.-The next session of the council of the league of nations has been postponed from June until June 17. The postponement was caused by the fact that other enquarters of the Superior national gagements would prevent certain repforest at Ely reported late this aft- resentatives from being present on

Colored Boy's Song On "Mammy" Brings Him Gift of Diamond

After Master Lenore Cook, colored boy, had finished singing "Mammy" by special request, at the Convention for Amity Between the White and Colored Races last night, and the session had adjourned, a young white woman walked up to a group centered around the youngster.

diver handbag which she carried, took something out and handed it to the bay. The boy took it. Before any one in the group realized what was going on she lost herself in the crowd and disappeared. In the boy's hand was a hand

some diamond in a beautiful setting of platinum. Then every one present sought to learn the identity of the generous stranger. But this she had successfully concealed. As sung by the colored youth, the song had apparently touched n tender spot in the heart of

The song was written by the boy's uncle, William Marion Cook, and was dedicated to the latter's mother, whom the fam-

UNITED CITIZENS **ASK CUT IN FARE**

Federation Adopts Platform Including Lower Rate on Capital Traction Line.

OPPOSES POWER MERGER

Favors Repeal of Charters and Granting New One to Single Company.

The Federation of Citizens' Associations will file a petition with the asking for an immediate reduction in the rate of fare on the lines of the Capital Traction Company.

This course was decided upon at a special meeting of the organization at the District building last night, called for the purpose of considering

the street car situation. The resolution authorizing the or ficers of the federation to seek a rethe agents who worked up the evidence duction in the Capital Traction fare was one of seven planks in a platform formulation of those principles that adopted by the delegates on which to lie at the basis of all sound adminiswork for a merger. The six other statements of policy adopted by the the securing of a progressive im-

federation are: 1. Opposition to a merger only of the Washington Railway and Electric and the Potomac Electric Power com-

panies. 2. Opposition to an excess profits

Against Control by W. R. & E. Co. 3. Opposition to any merger that would-place the Capital Traction Company under control of the W. R. and E. 4. Repeal by Congress of the charters of all existing street car companies and the granting of a new

plan. 5. Ask Congress to resume the ratemaking power over public utilities in the District, now that their valuations have been determined by the

utilities commission. 6. Reaffirm the federation's position

Proposes Purchase and Resale.

'After this program had been adopted, Albert Schulteis, delegate from Georgetown, suggested a new method of bringing about a street railway merger, which was referred to the utilities committee for report at the June meeting. Mr. Schulteis proposed that te federation ask Congress to

\$90,800,000 Washington's Bill for Luxuries During Last Year

Approximately \$90.800,000 of the \$22,700,000,000 spent for luxuries by the people of the United States last year came out of the pockets of Washingtonians, according to statistics compiled last night by P. P. Claxton, federal commissioner of education.

The largest item in the District's luxury bill-\$20,000,000-came under the classification of foods. Next came joy rides to pleasure resorts and luxurious service, costing \$12,000,000 each. The smokers of the nationa's

capital sent up in smoke and the chewers chewed \$8,440,000 worth of tobacco, while women placed in the hands of druggists \$3,000,000 for face powders, cosmetics and perfumes. Of the total amount, \$2,000,000 was spent for jewelry. \$1,600,000 for toilet soaps, \$1,400,000 for soft drinks and \$200,000 for chewing gum.

Exceeds School Expenditures.

elementary schools, and face pow-

ders, cosmetics and perfumes 50

per cent more than all the expend-

Dr. Claxton also delved further into the figures and ascertained that the money spent for chewing gum was nearly one-third of the total salaries paid Washington's high school teachers last year. while soft drinks cost more than the salaries of all teachers in the

also figured that the total luxury bill is more than five times the salaries of all the teachers in the public schools in 1920, and millions more than the total cost of the public schools since their inception a half century ago, until now, which is estimated at \$69.161,545. "In the light of these figures."

itures for the public schools. He

said Commissioner Claxton, "the amounts asked by the people and the school board for new buildings and more adequate support of the schools seem small, and it is quite clear that they might be granted without bankrupting or impoverishing the people of the District or the Treasury of the United States, which would share the expense.

Urges Education Support. "All the eighteen millions of

dollars needed to provide buildings and equipment and ample playgrounds for the next fifteen or twenty years could be had without increase of burden by the simple device of diverting to this use for two years \$1 in \$10 of the amount spent in the District for what the Secretary of the Treasury has called luxuries. Here, as elsewhere in the United States, the expenditures for public education when compared with other expenditures. are almost insignificant and practically negligible."

FEDERAL AGENCIES REGROUPED IN NEW SYSTEM PROPOSED

FIVE CENTS.

Institute for Research Has Eleven Departments in Report Submitted.

COMMERCE AND INTERIOR WOULD BE ELIMINATED

Four New Departments Would Be

Established, and Each Would

Become Unifunctional.

Beginning tomorrow, a series of articles will be published daily in The Star showing how each agency, bureau or office fits in departmentally in the proposed scheme of reorganitation, and giving, as far as possible in limited-space, the rea-

sons for the changes recom-

BY WILL P. KENNEDY.

mended.

on the problem of reorganizing the federal government for maximum efficiency and economy, the institue for Government Research, which was extremely helpful to Congress in framing the federal budget system. has now submitted to the joint congressional committee on reorganization of the administrative branch of the government a comprehensive plan for scientifically regrouping the

countless government agencies. This plan calls for eleven government departments, four of which are new. and the abolition of two existing departments. It takes as a framework for the regrouping, co-ordination and consolidation these departments: State, Treasury, War and Navy (consolidated as urged by President Harding) Maritimes Affairs or Transportation, Public Works and Public Domain. education and Science, Public Health. Public Utilities Commission this week Justice, Post Office, Agriculture and Labor. It proposes to abolish the existing departments of Interior and

Commerce. The Institute for Government Research, making these recommendations, explains that it has for its sole object the study, in a scientific spirit, of the problems of public adminisnational government, for the purpose of making known those facts and the tration which it believes will aid in provement in the conduct of public

affairs. Next in Importance to Budget.

It has been generally recognized at the Capitol that this institute would perform a great service in co-operation on reorganization. As a corne stone of its proposals, the institute. in its report submitted by William F Willoughby, says that of the several steps required to put the administration of the affairs of the national government upon an efficient and economical basis, none, with the possible exception of the adoption of a scientific budget system, exceeds in importance that of effecting a thorough reorganization of the whole system now obtaining, of the grouping of administrative services departmentally and of the distribution of specific activities among the several services.

ization committee, headed by a personal representative of President Harding, that it believes the following principles should find expression in a reorganized administrative system:

The institute tells the joint reorgan-

be adopted should be that known as the integrated or departmental. 2. That a clear distinction should be made between those services which are of a purely administrative character and those which are of a quasilegislative, quasi-judicial or other special character, and that the attempt to apply the principle of departmentalization should only be

3. That the principle of departmentalization should be that of grouping services, according to their purpose or function, rather than the character of activities engaged in. 4. That each department should, as

made in reference to the first.

far as practicable, be made unifunctional in the sense that it will embrace only those services whose special functions pertain to the general function for the performance of which the department is established.

Various Other Proposals.

That the whole problem of the proposed reorganization should be conseered at one time and a systematic and scientific job done, is emphasized by the institute's report. At present various proposals are pending to provide for the creation of new departments or the regrouping of service within existing departments:

The National Education Association. in conjunction with other educational organizations, is strongly urging the creation of a department of education. The engineering societies or the country have united inedemanding the creation of a department of paint

The public health interests are making a similar request for the creation of a department of public health. There is also a strong movement for the establishment of a department of social welfare. (President Harding

In the meantime specific proposals are being advocated for the consolida Continued on Page 7, Column 5

has personally pledged himself to

1. That the type of organization to (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)